Release of funds for KBK districts in Orissa

1984. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the revised long term action plan submitted by the Government of Orissa for the overall development of KBK districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, how much funds have been released by the Central Government for KBK districts during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the funds, as given below, have been released during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 for implementation of the Long Term Action Plan (LTAP) for KBK districts:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1998-99	46.00
1999-2000	57.60

The Annual Plan 2000-2001 for the State of Orissa has not yet been finalised.

Panchayat elections in Bihar

1985. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for more than 22 years there has been no Gram Panchayat election in Bihar;

(b) what steps Government have taken to impress upon the Bihar Government to hold election to Panchayats;